# ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT FOR RESEARCH CANDIDATURE

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

**The applicant must send one copy of this form to EACH of the referees nominated on their application. Referees should be closely associated with the applicant's recent work.**

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| **Applicant** | Family Name or Surname (BLOCK LETTERS): | Given Names: |
| **Referee** | Full Name: | Position or Title: |
| | School: | University: |

1. How long have you known the applicant: Years Months

2. Please briefly indicate the extent of your knowledge of the applicant's work:

3. Please assess the applicant's emotional maturity and readiness for research higher degree studies in the areas named below by placing a tick in the appropriate box:

| | No opportunity to observe | Below average | Average (60-41%) | Above Average (40-25%) | Very good (24-11%) | Excellent (top 10-6%) | Outstanding (top 5%) |
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| (i) Knowledge of own discipline | | | | | | | |
| (ii) Ability to express ideas | | | | | | | |
| (iii) Command of research techniques | | | | | | | |
| (iv) Critical ability | | | | | | | |
| (v) Initiative and motivation | | | | | | | |
| (vi) Ability to plan | | | | | | | |
| (vii) Ability to cope with criticism | | | | | | | |
| (viii) Self-management and resilience | | | | | | | |
| (ix) Perseverance in pursuing aims | | | | | | | |
| (x) Teaching ability and potential (if applicable) | | | | | | | |
| (xi) Ability to meet deadlines | | | | | | | |
| (xii) Aptitude for research | | | | | | | |

**Overall ranking for Honours year (if applicable):**

- ☐ **Group A 'Outstanding'** – Outstanding in all components, especially the research project which much demonstrate originality and flair.
- ☐ **Group B 'Superior'** – Excellence and originality in thesis and in most other components of Honours work.
- ☐ **Group C 'Very Good'** – Solid performance in all components of Honours work, but demonstrating less flair and originality than Groups B or A.
- ☐ **Group D 'Good'** – Variable performance with strong elements of excellence and performance which on balance is first class.

Please provide any additional comments on a separate sheet to be submitted with this report.

**REFEREE'S ENDORSEMENT:**

I declare that all information provided by me in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge at this time.

**Signature of Referee:** **Date:**

**Please forward completed and signed referee report forms to the Graduate Research School, James Cook University (email preferred):**

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